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LALOY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS FONOFF, IN DISCUSSING SUBJECTS WHICH MIGHT COME UP IN MEETING BETWEEN YOU AND COUVE DE MURVILLE, SAID HE BELIEVED IT IMPORTANT YOU ATTEMPT TO DISPEL FRENCH MISCONCEPTIONS OF US POLICY ON TALKS WITH SOVIETS. HOWEVER, IT EVEN MORE IMPORTANT, HE SAID, GET EXPLANATION OF OUR POLICY DIRECTLY TO DE GAULLE. LALOY BELIEVES THAT DE GAULLE, SINCE PRESIDENT KENNEDY MET KHRUSHCHEV IN VIENNA, HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY CONVINCED THAT WE ARE PURSUING A POLICY WHICH, KNOWINGLY OR UNKNOWNLY, WILL LEAD TO ABANDONMENT OF GERMANY OR AT LEAST TO REACHING AGREEMENT WITH USSR WHICH WOULD CONFIRM SUPERIOR POSITION OF STRENGTH OF USSR. LALOY COMMENTED THAT PERHAPS HE HIMSELF EXAGGERATES A BIT BUT NONETHELESS DE GAULLE CERTAINLY HOLDS VERY STRONGLY WRONG IDEAS ABOUT OUR POLICY. I BELIEVE LALOY IS RIGHT AND THAT EXPOSITION OF OUR POLICY AND SUPPORTING RATIONALE TO COUVE WOULD NOT BE SUFFICIENT TO MAKE DE GAULLE UNDERSTAND OUR POSITION BUT THAT DIRECT ATTEMPT IS ESSENTIAL. IF YOU MEET WITH DE GAULLE DURING PARIS VISIT OPPORTUNITY MIGHT PRESENT ITSELF GET OUR POINT OF VIEW DIRECTLY TO HIM. IF NOT PRESIDENT KENNEDY MIGHT WISH WRITE DE GAULLE REFERRING TO VIEWS EXPRESSED BY LATTER IN HIS LETTER OF JANUARY 11, 1962 TO PRESIDENT IN WHICH DE GAULLE INDICATED CLEARLY HIS APPREHENSIONS AT OUR POLICY. IT WILL BE RECALLED DE GAULLE MENTIONED HIS FEAR THAT NEGOTIATIONS 1) MIGHT POSSIBLY COVER UP A RETREAT BY THE WEST AS FAR AS GERMANY IS CONCERNED, 2) WOULD LEAD INEVITABLY TOWARDS SUCCESSIVE CONCESSIONS AND, 3) WOULD LEAD TO A NEUTRALIZATION OF GERMANY AND WITH IT PROGRESSIVE

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NEUTRALIZATION OF EUROPE. I BELIEVE SINCE WRITING HIS LETTER HIS APPREHENSIONS AND MISUNDERSTANDINGS OF US POLICY HAVE BECOME MORE FIRMLY ROOTED THAT EVER.

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